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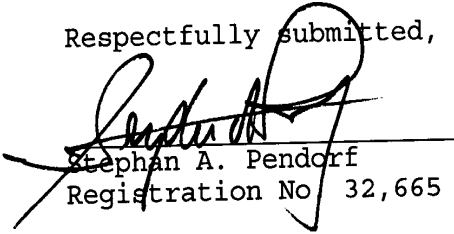
REMARKS

The claims have been amended in order to eliminate multiple dependent claims and claims improperly depending from multiple dependent claims, and to otherwise conform the claims to U.S. practice. Care has been taken to ensure that no new matter is added to the text.

Entry and favorable consideration prior to consideration are respectfully requested.

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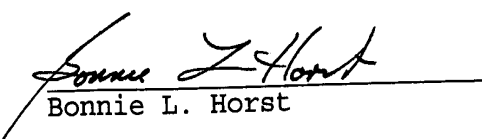
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The Examiner is requested to accept the marked-up version as it is based on the previous version, which when modified as below, produces the clean version submitted with the current amendment.

9. (Amended) Nozzle arrangement according to [one of] claim[s] 1[-8], [characterized in that] wherein the nozzle arrangement is constructed for at least two extrudate flows.
10. (Amended) Nozzle arrangement according to claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the mounting and connecting base is fastened to the distributor portion by at least one tensioning means.